

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School

Anti-Litter Policy



Overview

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School seeks to be a litter free area where pupils, staff and visitors alike respect the school buildings and surrounding environment. We strive to teach respect both for the environment and for the possessions of others through the curriculum and ethos of the school.

We will:

- ❖ Use our agreed school values to encourage pupils to take responsibility for the tidiness of the school grounds
- ❖ Promote respect for the work and belongings of others (through the taught curriculum, our Rights Respecting ethos and through assemblies)

The school is a registered Eco-School and as such, litter picks happen regularly within the school grounds. The dropping of litter and the deliberate vandalism of buildings on site are acts, which are contrary to our ethos. Suitable sanctions are in place for those that break these rules in line with the school behaviour policy.

Definition of Littering:

The crime of littering listed in The Environmental Protection Act (1990) includes school premises. Clause 87 states that anyone littering or causing littering is guilty of an offence and it is the governing bodies' responsibility to ensure that the school land is litter free.

School Responsibilities:

We value the environment, both natural and man-made. Therefore we:

- ❖ Accept our responsibility to maintain a sustainable environment for future generations.
- ❖ Understand the place of human beings within nature.
- ❖ Understand our responsibilities for other species.
- ❖ Preserve balance and biodiversity in nature wherever possible.
- ❖ Preserve areas of beauty and interest for future generations.
- ❖ Repair, wherever possible, habitats damaged by human development and other means.

*Linked to **Rights Respecting Article 24** of the UNICEF convention – children have a right to be healthy including with sanitation within their environment.*

Teaching and learning:

We provide teaching and learning opportunities that support pupils so they are able to discuss and understand the anti-social effects of littering and vandalism. Pupils are engaged in practical work to foster their understanding of the impact of this anti-social behaviour and the school works to promote litter free communities. The link between caring for and respecting the world we live in is made through all activities.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the whole school community to work together to keep the school and grounds litter free. The Eco-team will report on the condition of grounds and buildings regularly as part of ongoing Eco-Schools/Rights Crew meetings.

Review of the Anti-Littering Policy

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Review of the Anti-littering Policy will happen regularly. As part of the review process, members of the school community will be consulted.